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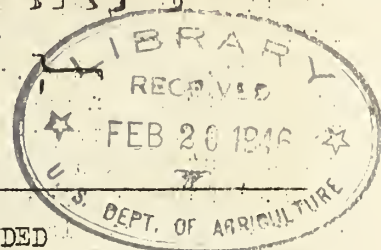


# SPAN

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## PACE BILL PASSES BIRTHDAY PARTY - NOTES -



### DEMOCRACY AT WORK ON PARTY

Big shots, little shots, brass hats and fellows with no hats at all, will share and share alike in the seating arrangements. Each table will be to a group of eight persons. REA'ers will arrange themselves in groups of eight (or four couples), and turn these lists over to the Invitation Committeeman in their division. A public drawing of table numbers to be assigned to each list will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday May 10 in the ninth floor conference room. A bird's eye drawing of the seating arrangement may be seen on the ninth floor bulletin board. Please attend and keep the seating sub-committee (Mark Arndt and Ethel Lincoln) honest!

We are happy to report that over 325 invitations have already been sold as of Thursday Noon with many of the boys saying they'll buy the coveted invitation when their wife gives them the wherewithal. Who said this was a man's world.

Several national figures have been contacted, but final word has not as yet been received as to the name of the guest speaker, however, you can be certain it will be well worth hearing, you lucky people, you.

### BOWLING SWEEPSTAKES

The bowling season officially closed April 29, with a sweepstakes high set in the Men's Division won by Art Mittell who banged out a 254-126-192 set and with a handicap of 75 pins had a total of 647. Douglas Smith with a 600 set was second and Ernie Moldenhaur with 588 was third. High game for men was won by Stafford with 244. Bullock and Strojny with 219 tied for second and third. Ruth Hackman with a 186-141-184 plus 78 pins handicap captured high set for women with 589. Alice Castle with 510 won second high set and A. Foley with 503 received third. Chappell's 225 game won high game for girls, Ann Vernier placed second with 205 and Marion Lipphardt finished third with 183.

**LOST:** Light weight, gray top coat by Manager E. J. Adey, Minn. 92, in one of REA offices. If found please forward to J. Levin.

**WANTED:** Driver in vicinity of Shrewsbury interested in forming car pool please communicate with B. Gekoski; Ext. 462.

### REA ACT EXTENDED

The Washington office has advised that the Pace Bill (H. R. 4278), amending several laws affecting the Department of Agriculture, passed the Senate Tuesday with no amendments to the REA provisions. In a nutshell this means that the REA Act which was to expire in 1946 is extended indefinitely; that the present limitation of 40 million dollars loan funds annually is stricken from the Act, and loan funds in the amount Congress may determine from time to time are now authorized without limitation. The interest rate from RFC to REA is reduced from 3 percent to 1 3/4 percent per annum. Loans to cooperatives will be at 2 percent, with outstanding loans to be adjusted to the new rate. Amortization of the loans is extended from 25 to 35 years.

Legislative counsel advises that the procedure between the House and Senate is such that even though the Pace Bill went to Conference Committee to settle differences between the House and Senate on other features, there is no possibility of the REA provisions being changed because there was no disagreement between the two bodies on the REA provisions.

Passage of this bill is hailed by REA enthusiasts as the greatest legislative victory since the passage of the REA Act in 1936.

### THIRTY-SEVEN HIKERS GO ALL OUT - RETURN ALL IN

Old Man River dampened trail but not hiker's spirits. The REA Hiking Club broke all records Sunday not only in the number of members present but in the mileage covered (vertical as well as horizontal). We understand that they all ached vertical as well as horizontal, too. Thirty-seven alert, bright-eyed and lively hikers snapped at attention at 10:16 a.m. when the train for Alton pulled into the station. When it returned at 7:30 p.m. the only similarity to be found was the number present. They had a special car coming and going and it was a day to be long remembered. We regret our limited space this week won't allow us to tell the full, amusing and pleasant story of the trip. Details on next hike will be given next week. Sunday, May 7, at 8:00 a.m. a group of "early bird" hikers are going bicycling in Forest Park. All are invited. Meet at the Brewer Bicycle Shop 280 DeBaliviere at 8:00 a.m.

### ATTENTION GOLFERS

Now that the golfing season has started, the SPAN is anxious to publish the weekly scores of players. These scores will then be used to figure handicaps for the annual tournament usually held at the close of the season, so please send your scores to the Editor, Room 1050.

### ASSOCIATE EDITOR - SANS ELEVATOR

Rumor has it Assoc. Ed. recently tried to descend to a lower floor in Coronado Hotel sans elevator. After ethereal gymnastics 'tis said she felt just like an REA hiker after his latest jaunt.



# DIDJA KNOW THAT

If Editor Speh does as good a job on reporting the hike of the hikers to the Levis Estate as he did in his promotional campaign one may expect the greater portion of REAers to be on the casualty list again come next Monday. They must have had a sprightly time and put into play some muscles which have been dormant much too long. Creaking joints, sore tootsies, liniment and crutches were the order of the day and one gal even reported seeing snakes. We haven't been able to ascertain whether pink elephants or layendar whiskered tadpoles were also amongst those present but when dignified Isabel Bigelow started goin' Tobacco Road and traveled without shoes one could expect almost anything. The upsweep amongst the A&L femmes is not because they have had a fright - 'tis just Beulah Mae goin' official hair stylist and so the coiffures have become higher and higher with bigger and better adornments. Woe to our photographers - amateur or otherwise - for should they feel the urge to take a few snapshots of this, that or the other thing 'twould be well for them to confine their activities to those places which can in no way be construed as military objectives. 'Tisn't everyone, of course, who can obtain a film now but J. Burtis managed to be one of the luckies and just in time for the spring floods. He was having the best time snapping "Old Man River" on its way up when along came a jeep with some of those khaki clad boys and before J.B. could say scat, they had his lovely, lovely pictures - and those babies play for keeps. His argument lost some of its impressiveness when he tried to explain that he too worked (?) for Uncle Sam and received the retort gay "Well, then you know how (censored) tough we can be." But just wait until the Navy catches up with some of our playful worldlings who pick on their naive brethren. When next amateur theatricals can be thought about 'twill be well to give consideration to the talents of Kinsley McWhorter and Rose Mary Dodds. At impersonations they are really top-hole and too, too good. 'Twould appear they are wasting their time. They had one of D&Cs gay but innocent young blades in a regular swivet when Rose Mary became the Commanding Officer's secretary and K. McWhorter went all out in nautical language - (and as it is spoken) - to tell off this hesitant Viking as to when he should report for duty - and they'll probably laugh and laugh if the Navy does call Bryan and he doesn't take it seriously. Life is so complex at times - 'tisn't it? H. Block, field man, reports he can no longer travel in comfort 'cause of the impedimenta - (instructions, directives, literature, etc., etc., in case you do not understand) - which leaves no room for his shaving kit and makes the plea that if anyone has an extra electric razor would they please let him know about it pronto and he also reports that he is also suffering from a twisted nose which someone tweaked - but for why he doesn't report. New Officers have been elected for the USDA Club; Floyd H. Tuchscher, President; Joseph F. Marion, Vice President; and Corrine Sutton, Secretary. The first meeting and luncheon since the election of new officers is called for Saturday, May 6, at 12:15 noon, at Hotel York. Mr. D. Howard Doane, Chairman of the Board of the Doane Agricultural Service, will be the speaker. Come one - come all! On good authority we have it that the little gadget over Mr. Neal's door is a horse shoe and, as we dislike to argue, it may be a horseshoe but it sure looks like the back of a cat to some. Thanks to TSD's Scotty the D&C "mapanologists" can now rest in peace - we hope. Their mapping troubles are over if they follow his advice. He suggests that they now be drawn on "Spherical

Latex" (balloons to you) rather than on linen tracing cloth and from then on all and sundry can puff and blow any old map to his favorite scale. The handsome gents in G&T decided that they should leave to posterity something a bit more picturesque than EPW's beautiful power houses - yes, a photograph ensemble. All the boys in trying to hold Essie Myer's hand just naturally gravitated to one side so the result is a bit lopsided with the exception of Mark Arndt who was so busy trying to keep out of the way of one "bay-window" posed behind him that he resembles a man doing his daily dozen just to avoid said kewpie stomach which has been acquired by one J. Owens.

## NOW RELAX AT KNAUST'S

AT HOME AND ABROAD: Fred Sandler away from Park Ave. on vacation and calling on his pals in COD; Ruth Fogel back with us after a too long sojourn in the hospital; gracious N. Larson deserting our Library for the S. F. branch at Berkley, Calif.; WAC Maxine Willett very trim and natty in her uniform on her way to an undisclosed destination; 8 lbs. of feminine loveliness to Jimmie and Doris Hills from Storkland; M. Thurber on his way to our Uncle's Navy; F. Holman walking 'round and 'round big black boxes - it's those in which J. Salisbury, Jr. buries his dead; Herman Harms, one of the original 21 trainees and now at Corpus Christi doing his bit for Naval Aviation and Lt. and Mrs. Harry McCollum with the cutest package of "Gildersleeve" Jr., calling at A&L, Harry is now instructing at air field in New Mex. and work must have caught up with him as he's lost 30 lbs. and looks fit as a fiddle; Charles Cooke deserting the office for field duty; Steve Holmes deserting field duty for office with a demand for a day off immediately to attend daughter's graduation; A. E. Wright staging a family reunion and mighty proud of his three sons attending; H. Leary enticing his family to visit him and then making them work in his victory garden, so he can outboast Eng. Wright who is the proud possessor of one Tomato (pronounced as you please) plant from which he expects to feed the family this summer; C. Blickley and F. Holmes doing their best to increase E. Moody's vocabulary but a little of it is printable; Bill Woehler demanding his Shylock's share of the golf tournament loot; Huff with a new haircut and a mustache - former much more evocative than latter; Lois Williams and W. Frost thinking up recipes for hats which usually end up with a safety pin; Globe Trotter L. Pegelow back from a whirl in Chi; and Timber Wolf Torok sportin' a new suit which 'tis rumored was selected by one of the fairer sex. (AN ASPIRIN, PLEASE!!!)

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